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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Operations

RE: AB 2870 (DeSaulnier) — California Blueprint Implementation Commission

Description

AB 2780 creates the California Blueprint Implementation Commission to assist in the state's land use planning processes.

Recommendation: Support and seek amendment

Discussion

As you know, in the Bay Area, the blueprint planning process was known as FOCUS (*Focusing Our Vision*). FOCUS is an ongoing effort and a regional, incentive-based development and conservation strategy for the Bay Area.

Led by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) and MTC, with support from BAAQMD (Bay Area Air Quality Management District) and BCDC (Bay Conservation and Development Commission) — FOCUS has been an important element in framing the Commission's Transportation 2035 Change in Motion planning effort.

AB 2780 would create an eleven-member panel to "facilitate the implementation of regional footprint projects and to oversee coordination of regional footprint plans with long-range state growth plans." Of the eleven members, six would be appointed by the Governor from the Southern California Association of Governments, the Bay Area, San Diego, Sacramento, the Central Valley and a member from any other geographic area of California.

The remaining five members of the commission would represent California Air Resources Board, State Energy Resource Conservation and Development Commission, California Transportation Commission, and an appointee from the Speaker of the Assembly and the President pro Tempore of the Senate.

The bill as drafted reads that the Bay Area member of this commission shall be from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission "or" the Association of Bay Area Governments. ABAG's Executive Board voted in March to take a "support if amended" position on this

measure, providing the bill was amended to provide two Bay Area seats: one from ABAG one from MTC. We feel it is unlikely that the Bay Area would get two seats on the Commission. Therefore, the amendment we seek is for the Bay Area member of the Commission to be a person who serves “both” on MTC and ABAG.

Known Positions

Support

ABAG Executive Board (if amended)

Oppose

None

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